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AVAQMD Board of Directors Votes to Increase
AB2766 Funding for both Lancaster and Palmdale
Total of \$100,000 of these Funds will be utilized for Traffic Signal Synchronization
Improvements in both Cities

Today, the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) Board of Directors unanimously voted to increase the amount of Mobile Source Emission Reduction Program funds to be provided to both the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale from \$75,000 a year to \$100,000 per year. The vote included a provision to allocate 50% of these funds, or \$50,000 per city, toward improved traffic signal synchronization efforts.

Mobile Source Emission Reduction Program funds are a portion of vehicle registration fees provided to local air districts by the State of California for use in local projects to reduce emissions from mobile sources, such as cars and trucks.

“Being a local agency, we can better target these funds to assure we successfully reduce these mobile emissions,” said AVAQMD Chairman Marvin Crist. “This is yet another example of how Lancaster and Palmdale continue to work together to improve the lives of all Antelope Valley residents”

Traffic synchronization provides the busiest thoroughfares with priority, thus ensuring traffic prone areas are not impeded by systematic stops. The master cycle length of an arterial can vary from 45 to 110 seconds. This means if a driver exits a side street and happens to just miss a green light it is possible that he/she will need to wait between 45 to 110 seconds before receiving another green light.

As a result of improved synchronization efforts, a vehicle’s wait time at multiple red lights can be greatly reduced, thus shortening overall commute times, while reducing mobile emissions.

“Signal synchronization is a useful tool to reduce emissions from vehicles and save fuel.” added Bret Banks AVAQMD Operations Manager. “The AVAQMD Board continues to provide funding for local projects that improve the local air quality.”

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